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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JEFFREY SKURATON, R.Ph. LICENSE NO. RI 013142

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") upon the filing on November 7, 2006 of an Administrative Complaint on behalf of Stuart Rabner, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Kay R. Ehrenkrantz, Deputy Attorney General, on notice to Jeffrey Skuraton, R.Ph. ("Respondent"), seeking the suspension or revocation of his license to practice pharmacy, and for further relief pursuant to the authority

conferred on the Board by N.J.S.A. 45:10-1 et seq. and its regulations. The five-count Complaint is predicated on Respondent's alleged dispensing, between August 6 and November 12, 2005, of approximately eighty (80) prescription legend drugs and one (1) Controlled Dangerous Substance, CDS Level IV, to family and friends, without legitimate prescriptions, billing of third-party payors for the approximately 80 prescriptions, and removing the approximately 80 prescriptions without payment of requisite copays.

Previously, in 1996, Respondent was convicted of Third-Degree Theft by Deception for illegally creating 176 fraudulent prescriptions between 1993 and 1994. In 1997, pursuant to a Consent Order, the Board actively suspended Respondent's license to practice pharmacy for one year. Finally, between 1975 and 1978, Respondent's pharmacy license was actively suspended based on his guilty plea and conviction for two counts of the unlawful sale of an ounce of cocaine, a violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-19(a)(1), and the unlawful removal of the pharmacy control number on the illegally-dispensed cocaine, a violation of N.J.S.A. 24:21-21. Respondent is entering into this Consent Order to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and protracted litigation, and to resolve the claims asserted without the necessity of further litigation.

It appearing that the measures set forth in this Order adequately protect the public health, safety and welfare as an interim measure, and for other good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF <u>December</u>, 2007, ORDERED THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- 1. Respondent is actively suspended from the practice of pharmacy for a period of 5 years ending no sooner than November 28, 2012.
- 2. Before respondent's license can be reactivated, he must demonstrate fitness to practice and pay costs in the amount of \$17,000.00.
  - 3. Respondent shall immediately notify the D.E.A. about this Order.
- 4. This settlement shall serve as a resolution by the Board of Pharmacy of all matters alleged in the Complaint filed November 7, 2006.
- 5. This Order is entered without prejudice to the further investigation and prosecution of this matter by other governmental bodies, besides the Board of Pharmacy.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Edward McGinley, President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by each and every one of its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.